

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Frederick	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	John Hanson--Philip Thomas Houses
AND/OR HISTORIC:	John Hanson--Philip Thomas Houses

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 108 and 110 West Patrick Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Frederick			
STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Frederick	CODE 021

3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress		Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Apartment</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick City			
STREET AND NUMBER: Frederick City Hall			
CITY OR TOWN: Frederick	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records			
STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus, College Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Hanson--Philip Thomas Houses, 108-110 West Patrick Street, are on the south side of the street, in Frederick, Maryland.

The structures are reputed to form a unit, physically, in that they share a common wall; that the style and detailing of the original building shells as well as the alterations are similar; that the nineteenth-century additions disguise the original structures but the shells remain.

Exterior details of the original houses include the Flemish bond found on the first two stories, the remains of a brick, quarter-round water table and the evidence of a brick belt course. The brickwork on the added third story is common bond.

The first story of #110 has a central door in its original position but with a mid-nineteenth-century frame. The doorway has an exterior marble stoop and wrought iron railing of Federal design.

The large-pane office windows on the first floor are late additions with applied lower cornice. The windows on the second and third stories have six-over-six sash with late nineteenth-century cornice along the roof line.

The floor plan of #110 when entering from the street reveals the plan of a central hall with one square room on either side of the hall, each with a fireplace. From the west end of the hall a flight of stairs rises abruptly to a landing, turns onto an upper hall from which a square bed-chamber opens on the west side of the hall and a second bed-chamber on the east side. The original roof line was raised in order to provide a full third story. The second story of the original house would have been covered by an "A" roof possibly with attic rooms corresponding to the second floor level plan.

The cellar of #110 is the most interesting and worthwhile surviving part of the building. From the south end of the entrance hall, a low door with raised panels opens on to the cellar staircase. The steps are enclosed by a pair of rails each of which are supported by a post at the foot of the stairs. Each post rises to the ceiling where it is mortised and pinned into a massive summer beam. The top of each hand-rail is finished with two beaded edges and has been mortised and pinned into the post with a wooden peg. The 10" x 12" summer beam is approximately 21 feet long of excellent quality construction and spans the center of the ceiling of the room.

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The exposed, lower edges along the beam are chamfered. The chamfered edges terminate at each end with a "lambs tongue" detail. This is an ornamental holdover from traditional Medieval-style workmanship. The west end of the beam is set into the chimney breast. The east end of the beam is horizontally chisled out to permit head room for persons descending the cellar staircase. At the foot of the steps and to the west is an opening in the dividing wall of the cellar. This opening is framed by a door of impressive construction comprised of wood pieces four inches square. The side and top of each piece is planed at each corner, has a beaded edge, is joined to the frame of the door, is mitered and pinned with a wood pin. The pintels for the hinges are in place to support a pair of double doors but the doors have been removed. There remain, looking from the cellar south into the yard, two approximately 2' x 2' square cellar windows, with wood frames. The stiles are four inches square, with beaded edges, mortised and pinned at each corner. The vertical grilles are diamond-shaped wood bars.

On the main floor, the square room to the west of the hall retains some of the early wooden molding indicative of the interior decorative element of the first period of the house. On the partition wall there remains a small door, and frame, which gives passage from this room into an area under the stairway. This low door with six raised panels appears to be an original detail of the house. The trim which frames all other doors and windows of the house probably belongs to the period when the house was enlarged, and redecorated in the c. 1835 fashion, which predominates throughout the rest of both houses and serves as a social comment upon the emerging prosperity of the owners in the mid-nineteenth-century period.

In this room, in the west corner is a small early cupboard with early trim and doors, with one raised panel located in a cupboard niche two feet square between the corner of the room and the chimney breast.

The interior wall of the cupboard is lathed and plastered with a half-round shell-back which appears to be of the period of the early part of the house, although the daughter of a recent twentieth-century owner stated that her grandfather had installed this cupboard, having salvaged it from another property.

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However, the lathwork and plaster backboard indicate it is original. This west wall has two massive chimneys rising throughout the entire height of the house. It would take further investigation to explain the presence of two such chimneys.

The first floor of #110 was converted into office space and above the staircase to the rear (south) there are a total of eleven apartments extending through both #108 and #110. The #110 house originally was a center staircase with a room above on the side away from the stairs, with kitchen below. During the nineteenth century a two-and-one-half-story wing was added to the back which contained a dining room, stairhall, kitchen and pantry.

The #108 building as nearly as can be determined was the property John Hanson bequeathed his widow and which later passed to Dr. Philip Thomas, his son-in-law. It was probably Dr. Philip Thomas who remodeled the house and installed eighteenth-century woodwork identical to the woodwork in the house at #110. Number 108 appears to have had a first floor hall and parlor plan. The second story similar floor plan contained one bedchamber, a hall and a small room directly at the head of the stairs. Possibly there was a room under the "A" frame roof. The early floor plan was one room deep. A second room to the south was added later and the hall lengthened. On the second story a second bedroom was added, behind the first; the roof was raised. A seam in the brick work of the east gable-end indicates the second extension to the house and in the basement this change is noticeable, especially where the south wall of the early house is apparent. In the basement there are no noteworthy architectural details as in #110. At a later time a two-and-one-half-story extension was added to the south side of #108 serving as a dining room and kitchen with bedchambers above. The front (north) first floor rooms have recently been converted into an office, and the upper stories and wing are part of the eleven apartment complex within the two structures.

It does not appear that any of the early trim of the first and second stories of #108 remains. There are five early doors, each with six raised panels. There is trim, c. 1835, and several mantel pieces of this period, some with trim on the second and third stories. The full third floor seems to

## 3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

undetermined

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☒ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape

Architecture

☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phil.

osophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Numbers 108 and 110, respectively, are the homes of two Maryland patriots, one of whom, John Hanson (1715-1783), was President of the United States in Congress Assembled (1781-1782).

The two buildings have a common owner (1971) and, historically, there are uncontested close personal ties between John Hanson and Dr. Philip Thomas, his son-in-law.

The Hanson--Thomas houses date from a significant period in the history of Frederick and merit preservation. Until the end of the Civil War Frederick flourished as a farming and manufacturing center located on major land communication routes. Founded in 1745, Frederick became, by the end of the eighteenth century, a mecca for ambitious young men. Many Marylanders left their homes to found their careers and fortunes in Frederick--the frontier. John Hanson was among the first to arrive. Thomas Johnson, a patriot of the American Revolution and the first elected Governor of the State of Maryland; and Roger Brooke Taney, a member of Andrew Jackson's Cabinet and the second Chief Justice of the United States Court, are among others. Dr. Philip Thomas, a native of Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland, began his medical practice in Frederick.

John Hanson arrived in Frederick County in 1769. While representing Charles County in the Assembly he had received the appointment of Deputy Surveyor of Frederick County which, at that time, included all of western Maryland. The Deputy Surveyor surveyed all lands before a patent was issued--an active post for Hanson in the wilderness of western Maryland where settlement was just beginning to take place.

In 1772 Hanson purchased lot #28 in Frederick Town. His Frederick house remained his home while he served in the Continental Congress during the American Revolution and while he presided over the Congress of the Articles of Confederation afterwards.

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have been added later in the nineteenth century, at the time when the third story of #110 was raised. The front window fenestration and cornice are similar but not identical. Particular attention should be noted for the handrail of the staircase in #108 which appears to belong to the first or the second stage of the house. A very careful architectural investigation of structural details would be the only way to determine the correct history of this staircase which could have been in place during Hanson's life and is the only ornamental detail of the building that could have been there at that time. All other ornamental work belongs to a period after John Hanson's death in 1783. The condition of the stair structure between the second and third floor has been affected by the conversion of the building into apartments. The rail and balusters and newel posts are of an architectural style appropriate to many late eighteenth-century buildings. The balusters are slender, rectangular dowels, set three to a step. The step ends are scrolled. The newel and stairlanding posts are simple round, turned posts. The railing is a three-quarter round, of walnut or pine, of very plain design.

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Immediately to the west of #108 is the home of his son-in-law, Dr. Philip Thomas (1747-1812). A prominent physician in Frederick County, Dr. Thomas took an active part in the leadership of local affairs during the Revolution. His role in the county militia involved forwarding supplies to the Continental Army where he attained the rank of Colonel. Several documents indicate Colonel Thomas provided supplies for Washington's troops during the Yorktown campaign. Thomas also had charge of British prisoners in Frederick including those kept in the Hessian Barracks in Frederick City (a National Register of Historic Places property). In 1789 Thomas was one of the Electors who chose George Washington to be the first President of the United States.

The close relationship between Hanson and his son-in-law is indicated in a collection of letters at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore. One of the few known sets of Hanson documents, these letters were written to Thomas while Hanson attended the Congress in Philadelphia.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0		"	0		"	39°	24'	48"	77°	24'	46"	
NE	0		"	0		"							
SE	0		"	0		"							
SW	0		"	0		"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register		DATE Dec. 15, 1971
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust		
STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	COIL 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer

for Maryland

Date December 15, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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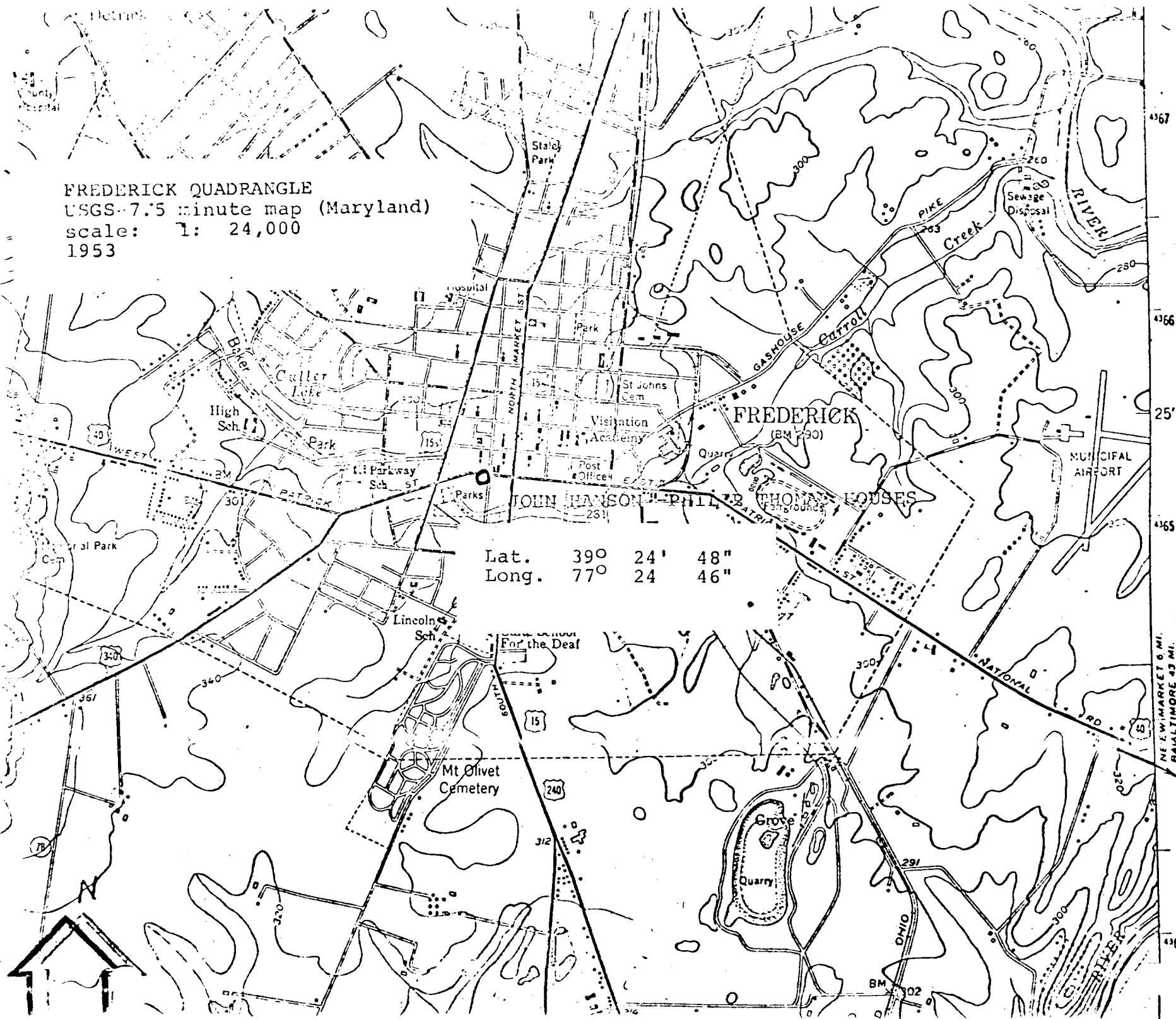
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 scale: 1: 24,000  
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Lat. 39° 24' 48"  
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John Hanson Phillip Thomas House, in  
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John Hanson Phillip Thomas House, in  
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Phillip Thomas House  
110 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick

John Hanson Phillip Thomas House, in  
Frederick City

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John Hanson House  
108. W. Patrick Street

John Hanson Phillip Thomas House, in  
Frederick City

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Philip Thomas Hoose

110 W. Patrick Street

Frederick